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SUBJECT:REQUEST FOR STATUS REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE AND  
OTHER PROPOSALS AFFECTING SOUTH AFRICA

REF: A) PRETORIA 4679, B) STATE 204226

1. OVER FIFTEEN BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING SOUTH  
AFRICA HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED DURING THE 95TH CONGRESS. EXIM  
BANK AUTHORIZATION BILL HAS PROCEEDED FURTHEST HAVING  
PASSED THE HOUSE IN JUNE AND IS SCHEDULED SOON FOR SENATE  
FLOOR DEBATE. HOUSE VERSION OF BILL CONTAINS EVANS  
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AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD BAN EXIM GUARANTEES FOR EXPORTS  
TO ANY SOUTH AFRICAN BUYER NOT IMPLEMENTING FAIR  
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES. TSONGAS AMENDMENT TO END ALL EXIM  
FINANCING TO SOUTH AFRICA WAS DEFEATED IN HOUSE AS WAS  
SIMILAR AMENDMENT INTRODUCED BY-RIEGEL IN SENATE BANKING  
COMMITTEE. THERE IS SOME CHANCE THAT EVANS TYPE  
LANGUAGE WILL BE INCLUDED IN FINAL EXIM BILL.

2. HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE IS NOW HOLDING HEARINGS ON THREE SEPARATE BILLS RELATING TO SOUTH AFRICA. SOLARZ BILL WOULD PROHIBIT NEW US INVESTMENT, INCLUDING BANK LOANS BUT EXCEPTING REINVESTED EARNINGS, IN SOUTH AFRICA AND ALSO DENY TAX CREDITS TO ANY US FIRM IN SOUTH

AFRICA ENGAGED IN UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES. BINGHAM BILL WOULD RESTRICT NEW INVESTMENT ONLY TO THOSE FIRMS NOT ENGAGED IN UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES. DIGGS BILL WOULD PROHIBIT ANY NEW INVESTMENT, INCLUDING REINVESTED EARNINGS AND BANK LOANS. PRESENT VIEW IS THAT NONE OF THESE THREE BILLS IS LIKELY TO RECEIVE EVEN HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVAL BEFORE END OF SESSION IN OCTOBER. (FYI: HOUSE BEGAN 2-WEEK RECESS AUGUST 18.)

3. OTHER LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE THIS CONGRESS INCLUDE THE COLLINS BILL WHICH SEEKS BAN ON AIRCRAFT SALES TO SA AND CONGRESSIONAL VETO AUTHORITY ON ISSUANCE OF VALIDATED EXPORT LICENSES PLUS TWO RANGEL BILLS WHICH WOULD DENY TAX CREDITS TO US FIRMS IN SA AND BAN IMPORTS OF COAL AND URANIUM. ALTHOUGH NO ACTION OR HEARINGS ON THESE BILLS AND OTHERS LIKE THEM IS EXPECTED THIS YEAR, THEY DO INDICATE GROWING CONGRESSIONAL SENTIMENT FOR STRICTER RESTRAINTS ON US-SA ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

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4. TEXT OF MOOSE TESTIMONY ON AUGUST 10 WAS CABLED REF B. ECONOMIC OFFICER HERMAN ROSSI WAS GIVEN COPY OF BERGSTEN TESTIMONY BEFORE DEPARTURE.

5. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES IN EXPORT CONTROL PROCEDURES SINCE COMMERCE REGULATIONS WERE PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY. CONTROL DATA COMPLAINT ON BROADENED CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS APPEARS TO MIX APPLES AND ORANGES. THE REQUIREMENT FOR ASSURANCES THAT COMPUTERS WILL NOT BE SOLD TO BANTU AFFAIRS, NUCOR ET AL HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR AT LEAST A YEAR. SPECIAL CONDITIONING AND GOVERNMENTAL ASSURANCES ON UPGRADE OF CYBER 172 TO 174 FOR ESSCOM WAS SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION CONCERNS REGARDING THIS VERY CAPABLE COMPUTER. VANCE

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